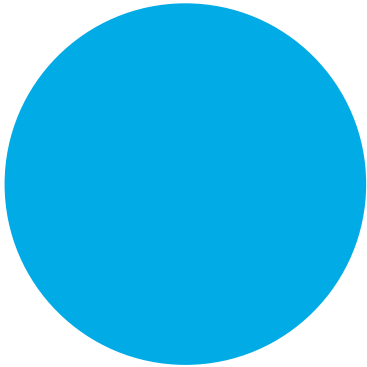




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of consumers say they know how to protect themselves from online fraud, but 60% do not change their passwords regularly.

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Americans agree misconduct must stop



President Trump is among those who have been accused of sexual misconduct. Such accusations toppled, clockwise from top right, Kevin Spacey, Al Franken, Matt Lauer and Harvey Weinstein. AP, AFP/GETTY IMAGES, NBC

Women see turning point on harassment

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Americans seem divided these days on just about everything but this: Sexual harassment on the job is a big problem, and it's time for it to stop.

In a new USA TODAY/Suffolk University Poll, three in four of those surveyed — including overwhelming majorities of men and women, Republicans and Democrats, said the issue was a major one that needed real solutions. Fewer than one in five said too much was being made of a furor that has rattled Hollywood, politics, the news media and more.

“How many of our moms have had to deal with their asses getting grabbed at work and couldn't say any-

Respondents said they were less likely to vote for a political candidate, even if they agreed with him on policy, if he faced a credible allegation of sexual misconduct.

thing about it?” said Sophia Eckard, 25, an art teacher in Washington who was among those polled. “And now the tides are changing.”

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GOP tax cut gets sweeter for rich

Agreement reduces top rate from 39.6% to 37%

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WASHINGTON — Republicans who control Congress struck a deal Wednesday on an overhaul of the tax code, but they kept details under wraps amid reports that the revised bill sweetened tax breaks for the richest Americans.

The legislation would cut the top personal income tax rate from 39.6% to 37%, lower the corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% and allow homeowners to deduct interest only on the first \$750,000 of a new mortgage, the Associated Press reported.

Republicans refused to confirm those changes, and Democrats complained they were barred from seeing the bill.

The new bill meshes competing tax plans that passed the House last month and the Senate in early December. Republicans are rushing with unprecedented speed to pass a tax overhaul before the end of the year, so they can claim their first major legislative agreement under GOP control of the legislative and executive branches.

President Trump prodded the Republicans to pass the tax bill as quickly as possible.

Trump and congressional Republicans made a tax bill their top priority after failing to overhaul health insurance and repeal the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare.

Trump promoted the bill Wednesday, saying middle-class Americans would get a sizable tax cut. That contradicts reports by congressional and independent experts, who concluded that the wealthy and corporations would get most of the benefits, many

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Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer wants the tax overhaul delayed. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

ISIS winds up with weapons paid for by U.S.

Study: Extremists got arms meant for rebels

Jim Michaels
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Sophisticated weapons the U.S. military secretly provided to Syrian rebels quickly fell into the hands of the Islamic State, a study released Thursday disclosed.

The report said the Islamic State's possession of these weapons remains

a threat to the U.S.-led coalition still operating against the terror group in Iraq and Syria.

The arms included anti-tank weapons purchased by the United States that ended up in possession of the Islamic State within two months of leaving the factory, according to the study by Conflict Armament Research, an organization that tracks arms shipments. The study was funded by the European Union and the German government.

Efforts by the United States and other countries to supply weapons to rebel

groups “have significantly augmented the quantity and quality of weapons available to (Islamic State) forces,” the report concluded.

The study examined 40,000 weapons and other items recovered from the Islamic State, also known as ISIS, during the past three years. The militants have been retreating across Iraq and Syria as U.S.-backed forces have routed them from their strongholds.

Investigators were unable to deter-

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